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In the application of

Kevin Lee Kott, et al.

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For IMPROVED ALKYLARYLS

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>

Please amend the elaips as follows:

Please cancel Claim 11, 18, 28, and 35 without prejudice.

(amended) An alkylaryl composition suitable as a source for making alkylarylsulfonate surfactants, wherein said composition comprises at least two isomers of an alkylaryl of the formula:

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wherein:

L is an acyclic aliphatic hydrocarbyl of from 6 to 18 carbon atoms in total;